

In the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

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~~The present invention provides an~~ An architecture and method for a gaming-specific platform are disclosed that features secure storage and verification of game code and other data, provides the ability to securely exchange data with a computerized wagering gaming system, and does so in a manner that is straightforward and easy to manage. Some embodiments of ~~the invention~~ provide the ability to identify game program code as certified or approved, such as by the Nevada Gaming Regulations Commission or other regulatory agency. ~~The invention provides these~~ These and other functions ~~by make~~ use of encryption, including digital signatures and hash functions as well as other encryption methods.